

POSTALLY USED PERFINED TELEGRAPH STAMPS

LUDO BILLEN has sent the illustration on this page of a cover to Canada with a 3d Telegraph Stamp used for postage. No mention was made of the colour of the stamp but my guess is that it would be carmine. This stamp was used in colour trials by the Post Office after the Telegraph Stamps were discontinued in 1881 - blue, green and orange being used.

The perfin is G0480.01 and the user is not yet identified.

Bulletin 286 Pg.12 (Seen in Auction) has a reference to Telegraph Stamps used on cover. I can find no reference in my QV Specialised catalogue to these stamps being validated for postage. Can any member with specialised knowledge of these stamps write with accurate information?

I wrote to ask Ludo for details of the colour of the stamp and the date (as it is not clear) but have not had a reply. However, the cover did not belong to him and presumably details cannot now be obtained. This information could perhaps pin-point the printing and therefore the reason for the postal use.

